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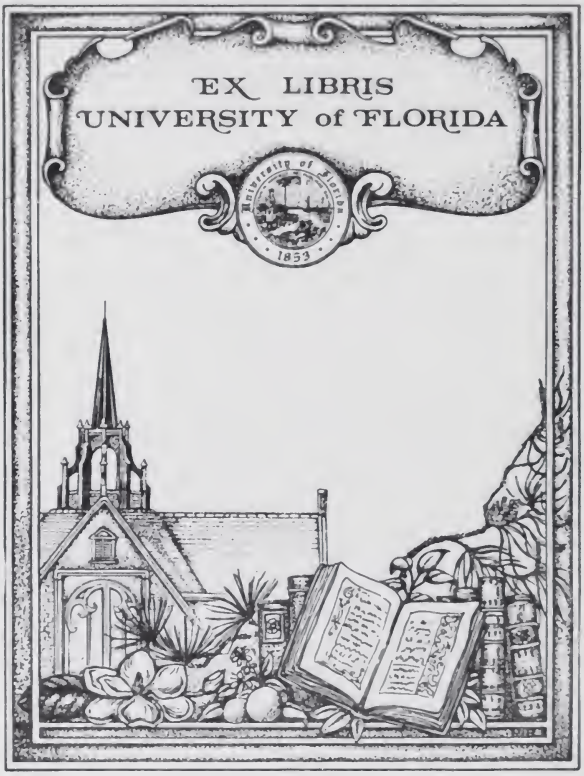

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Biography

HAROLD LOWELL RUNNELS, was born in Dallas, Dallas County, Tex., March 17, 1924; attended the Dallas public schools, and Cameron State Agricultural College in Lawton, Okla.; enlisted in the United States Army Air Force Reserve during World War II, as a private, December 1942–July 1943; employed by Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., 1942; manager, Magnolia Amusement Co., Magnolia, Ark., 1945–51; moved to Lovington, N. Mex., in 1951 and became partner in Southland Supply Co., in 1952; formed Runnels Mud Co., in 1953, and RunCo Acidizing & Fracturing Co., in 1964, operating in southeastern New Mexico, and west Texas; a founder of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, 1960; member, New Mexico Senate, 1960–70; delegate to New Mexico State Democratic conventions, 1960–79; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-second Congress, November 3, 1970; reelected to the four succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1971, until his death in New York, N.Y., August 5, 1980; interment in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens, Lovington, N. Mex.

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FOR

HAROLD L. RUNNELS

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *August 18, 1980.*

Mr. LUJAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart that I advise my colleagues that our very close friend, the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS, of New Mexico, passed away on August 5. He had been hospitalized for some time but we all believed he was on the road to full recovery. His sudden death was truly a shock to his family and friends.

Time does not permit us today to express fully our grief at the loss of this tried, true, and trusted friend and colleague, but I rise to invite all Members to join me on Monday, August 25, when I have requested a special order for the purpose of paying our respects to this great and dedicated public servant.

Each of you will be notified by letter within the next few days as to the details, and I urge each of my colleagues to take this opportunity to pay tribute to HAROLD RUNNELS, whose devoted patriotism, vast legislative experience, keen insight and hard work made him one of the most respected and effective Members of this body.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution on the death of the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 761

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS, a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker desires to announce that pursuant to the provisions of title 2, United States Code, section 124, and the order of the House of August 1, 1980, empowering him to appoint

commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House, he did on August 7, 1980, appoint the following Members of the House of Representatives as a committee to attend the funeral of the late HAROLD RUNNELS, of New Mexico: Mr. Lujan of New Mexico; Mr. Ichord of Missouri; Mr. White of Texas; Mr. Davis of South Carolina; Mr. Hightower of Texas; Mr. Hall of Texas; Mr. Rahall of West Virginia; and Mr. Hance of Texas.

The Chair is very grateful to those Members who attended the funeral of the late Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS, of New Mexico.

Mr. LEATH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on August 5, 1980, this Congress lost a great statesman, and I lost a dear friend. I didn't know HAROLD RUNNELS prior to coming to Congress in January of 1979, but it didn't take long to meet him. His gentle wit, his ever-present smile, and his outgoing personality made HAROLD a man respected by all of his colleagues, regardless of their political differences or party.

HAROLD RUNNELS was the epitome of the American dream, and his courage exemplified the greatness of our heritage. HAROLD was living proof that the American system works, and that all it takes to achieve is the desire and determination to do so. He used the free enterprise system to rise from poverty to a man of great resources. Having gained that success in business, he was eager to return something to his Nation and determined to preserve that which he loved—an America strong in individual freedom and a beacon for all men who aspire for a better life.

HAROLD served the people of New Mexico with distinction and respect. He served his Nation with a patriotic zeal unequaled; and he served his fellow man with honor and dignity. This Nation is better because HAROLD RUNNELS passed through it, and our lives are more complete because HAROLD RUNNELS touched us.

May God comfort us for our great loss, and may we thank Him daily for giving us HAROLD RUNNELS for a brief moment. We loved him dearly, and we will miss him sorely.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, our colleague HAROLD RUNNELS served in the House of Representatives with distinction and honor. He established an outstanding record as a member of the Committees on Armed Services and Interior and Insular Affairs. He was an able legislator and an energetic advocate of his people. Every Member in the House of Representatives liked HAROLD RUNNELS, and his hard work and conscientious representation was appreciated by his con-

stituents. With the highest level of ability and integrity, he zealously defended the ideas and principles he believed in and upon which this Nation was built. He had a mind that never flagged, and he was known for his charm, wit, compassion, and honor. He gave of himself fully and unselfishly, and he was a kind, considerate, and courageous man.

Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS will be missed by the people of the State of New Mexico and by all of us in the House of Representatives. I would like to convey to the members of his family my sincere expression of sympathy.

Mr. BRADEMAS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in sadly paying tribute to the memory of Representative HAROLD RUNNELS, whose service to his constituents in New Mexico and the Nation ended with his death on August 6.

Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS brought his knowledge of the energy industry to his work on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs where he was a forceful advocate of policies he considered best for the Nation's future needs. As a member of the Committee on Armed Services, he supported measures to maintain a strong national defense.

The effectiveness with which HAROLD RUNNELS served in this body is attested to by the fact that he was the first officeholder in New Mexico's history to be without opposition in either the primary or general election in 1978. This year Congressman RUNNELS had only token opposition in the primary and no opponent in November.

I had the privilege of knowing HAROLD RUNNELS since 1971 when he began his service in the House. His reputation for honesty and straight forwardness was well-deserved.

Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS was also one of the wittiest and engaging persons to sit in this body.

In his last months with us we also recognized his courage as he fought a valiant battle against illness—a battle he knew could not be won.

Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS served the Nation well. He will be missed.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of sadness that I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to one of the most likable Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS.

We are all saddened by his untimely passing. Congressman RUNNELS gave the full measure of energy and enthusiasm to the deliberations of this Chamber. A favorite among committee staff, House employees, and Members on both sides of the aisle, HAROLD RUNNELS was at ease with northerners, southerners, westerners and easterners. He was an all-American Congressman. Even those of us in this Chamber who espoused a political philosophy which differed substantially from HAROLD's were genuinely fond of him as a warm and gentle human being. HAROLD was a really likable colleague, friendly to everyone, and one of the hardest working Members of the House. He always had a good sense of humor, a kind word to say about his fellow Members, and no other Member in the House had any greater respect for the Congress as an institution than HAROLD RUNNELS.

The citizens of the Second District of New Mexico can be mighty proud that they were privileged to have such a strong advocate as HAROLD RUNNELS working in the House for their interests. HAROLD enjoyed 20 years of distinguished public service beginning with his election in 1960 to the New Mexico State Senate. During the past decade in which he served in the U.S. House of Representatives, energy was the No. 1 issue and the No. 1 national dilemma.

During the many debates and legislative proposals that led to the formation of a comprehensive national energy policy which would accommodate all the diverse and parochial interests represented, HAROLD was recognized by his colleagues in the House, by the President of the United States and the entire oil and gas industry as a leading expert on oil and gas issues. Indeed before he began his illustrious public service career, HAROLD, as a private citizen, earned his living drilling mud for oil wells.

I can truthfully say that HAROLD was a formidable force with which to reckon during the lengthy negotiations that culminated in the National Gas Policy Act of the 95th Congress; and throughout the entire deliberations he never betrayed the trust that his constituents had placed in him to voice and to fight for their energy interests and concerns.

One of the last major areas in which HAROLD devoted his time, energy, and initiative in this Congress has been the Alaska National Gas Transportation System which, if brought to fruition, would be the largest privately financed business venture in drilling mud for oil wells in history.

HAROLD performed each succeeding legislative task with competence, diligence and resourcefulness. A member of the Armed Services Committee, HAROLD was a consistent supporter of strong defense programs, particularly in the area of air and sea training power. As chairman of the Interior Oversight Subcommittee, HAROLD used this position of influence and power to promote and develop legislation of vital concern to his Southwest constituency: Indians, public lands, and oil and gas.

HAROLD personified the self-made man that is the backbone of America. He always maintained a full schedule of activities here in Washington and back home in New Mexico. Born and reared during the depression in a chicken coop, HAROLD learned early in life the crucial instincts of survival and self-education. Resourceful and inventive, he developed, through his own ingenuity, a mud pump drilling apparatus for drilling oil—which modernized and expedited methods of drilling oil in the Southwest.

HAROLD, affectionately called "MUD" RUNNELS by his close friends and colleagues, was a proud and defiant son of New Mexico. He represented its people and fought tenaciously for their interests and welfare in the Halls of the U.S. Congress. We will all miss his humor, good naturedness, energy, and expertise. I and my wife, Millie extend our sincere condolences to his beautiful wife, Dorothy, and the entire Runnels family.

Mr. LUJAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that many of us learned of the passing on August 5, 1980, of our good friend and colleague, Congressman HAROLD RUNNELS of New Mexico's Second District. Representative RUNNELS was truly one of our Nation's outstanding public servants. His service to the citizens of my native State of New Mexico span a 20-year period, 10 years as a member of the New Mexico State Senate and the last 10 years as a Member of Congress. All of us in this Congress lost an outstanding colleague, but I personally lost a close and dear friend.

Even though we were members of different political parties. HAROLD was as good a friend as any I have ever had. For the past decade HAROLD and I served as New Mexico's only two Members of the House. This naturally brought us together often on legislative matters and other Federal-level projects affecting our State. But our association was much more than two Members of Congress representing regional or parochial interests. HAROLD RUNNELS was the type of man whom anyone would be proud to call a friend. He was a man

of humble beginnings who in the American tradition achieved great success in business, yet he never forgot his beginnings and his hundreds of friends spanned every walk of life. His keen mind and sharp wit enabled him to take any complex subject or controversial issue and put it in perspective. Whether one agreed with him or not on a particular issue, there was never any doubt as to where he stood and his reasons for doing so. The special brand of RUNNELS humor was an institution when he served in the New Mexico State Senate, and it carried over to this Congress. He could find humor in almost any subject, and his presence brightened many a late night session of the House.

HAROLD RUNNELS was loved and admired by elevator operators, pages, doormen, as well as committee staff members and the personal staffs of many Members of this House.

Perhaps the best tribute to HAROLD was given by a former pastor of his church who said at his funeral at Lovington, N. Mex., on August 8:

HAROLD RUNNELS was the most important man I have ever known. When I was with him, he always made me feel like I was the most important man in the world. He cared.

HAROLD represented his district well as evidenced by the fact that in 1978 he became the first Member of Congress from New Mexico to be reelected without opposition from either party. He had already been elected to the 97th Congress without opposition in the November election.

HAROLD was a man of great personal courage and dedication. This was probably the most exemplified in recent months when his health was failing, but few people knew how sick he really was. He was taking chemotherapy treatment for cancer. He would get up early in the morning, catch a shuttle to New York, take his treatment and be back in time to vote on the House floor that afternoon. Many of us would have given up when confronted with such a challenge, but HAROLD had a zest for living and a dedication to duty that has been matched by few people. He was truly a remarkable man. He will be missed by all who knew him well and experienced the pleasure of his company and friendship. I personally will miss him a great deal.

Mr. RUDD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the gentleman in this special order and commend him for taking the special order for a great American, HAROLD RUNNELS, who so ably represented the 18 counties of his district in New Mexico, that great sister State to my

own State of Arizona. I worked closely with him on matters of mutual interest. He was always most cooperative and very knowledgeable. He introduced all sorts of legislation that benefited the native Indian Americans that we both were privileged to represent. He also introduced important legislation in the geothermal energy field. I personally do not know anybody in the House of Representatives who knew more about what really happens when you put an oil well down than did HAROLD RUNNELS. I will miss the mischievous smile that he always wore to put people at ease, to go forward and bring people inte his personal area of concern. I will miss him, as will other people.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, when I first met HAROLD RUNNELS, they were having a big Democratic rally in Farmington the year he first ran for Congress. I had never met him, but I had been asked to go there and speak. We went to the dinner, and I had quite a bit of conversation afterward, and I thought leaving there that somehow this guy and I had a special bond of affection and trust that nobody else had and discovered when I got to know HAROLD RUNNELS that he made everybody feel that way.

I have served with—I counted them up the other day—something like over 1,000 different Members of Congress in my 20 years here. I do not like superlatives, but I think probably HAROLD RUNNELS had a better rapport with Members and was better liked by more Members than any Member I have served with during all of these years. He had a basic decency, a love of life, and a willingness to joke and talk—and a willingness to change his position if he felt he was wrong. He was a practical legislator and a practical man. Lord, how we are going to miss him. He was very great, and I shall always consider it a privilege to have served with him in this Congress.

Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I want to join the gentleman from New Mexico and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. Udall) in the remarks they have made about our colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS. Those of us who served in the minority and those of us who come from the Western States have a particular affection for one another, and the bonds of friendship that are formed, I think, are rather unique around this body and HAROLD RUNNELS was a friend to all of us but he was particularly a friend of those from the West. He was a westerner in the highest sense of that term. He was a plainsman, a man of rugged integrity, a man of great humor, a lot of fun

and great ability. The people of New Mexico were lucky to have HAROLD RUNNELS representing them for so long.

Mr. KAZEN. Mr. Speaker, this House is a poorer place with the passing of HAROLD RUNNELS. He served here almost 10 years, yet his kindly spirit and friendly manner made him seem like a permanent fixture. He had served in the Air Force in World War II, and for a time was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation before he founded the Runnels Mud Co. and RunCo Acidizing and Fracturing Co., serving the oil industry in New Mexico, Texas, and other States.

His public service included 10 years in the New Mexico State Senate before he came to this House. He was known then as "a good old boy from little Texas," and we in the Texas delegation came to count him one of us. I doubt that there was a single Member of this body who did not know of his fight for health, and it was typical of his good humor as well as his courage that he once said on this floor, as we discussed the problems of nuclear power which he advocated "I am more radioactive, from the treatments I've had, than most of the plants or equipment producing nuclear power."

He was always gentle. In serving with him in this House, and on the Armed Services Committee and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, I cannot recall him ever really losing his temper. Even in the days when his illness was most burdensome, he served his constituents and his Nation with grace as well as courage.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Connie joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to his family and we want his lovely wife, Dorothy, and his children to know that we miss him as a friend, a fellow worker and a great American.

Mr. LAGOMARSINO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in honoring our late colleague, the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS, of the Second District of New Mexico, who distinguished himself as an able and dedicated public servant. His public service, experience, wit, and character will be greatly missed by his district, his State, and his country.

I have had the honor of working closely with HAROLD on the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, where he served as chairman and worked diligently on the important ANGTS issue. His hard work on the Interior Committee has proven his dedication and commitment to energy conservation.

During his years of service in the House, HAROLD established himself as one of this body's most respected and hard working Members.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to serve with and work closely with him know well that his dedication to his district and the country and to the principles of our democracy was a total commitment. He was an inspiration to me, as I know he was to all who came to know him. His wisdom, leadership, and humor will be sorely missed in this Chamber.

I do not know anyone who did not like HAROLD RUNNELS.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, as the Speaker said, HAROLD RUNNELS was certainly an all-American Congressman. I know my colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Hall) and Miss Jonna Lynne Cullen, kept us posted in the tough days that HAROLD was having. We had an update report from these two people as well as from the gentleman in the well.

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of sitting next to HAROLD RUNNELS on the Committee on Armed Services for 8 years. I do not recall him ever making a weak vote. Every vote he made was for a strong defense.

I would just like to say during his terrible sickness, he came to the House several times to see us. He loved us and we loved him.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman giving me this opportunity to speak.

Mr. BAUMAN. Mr. Speaker, I also want to add my condolences to Dorothy and to his family. HAROLD RUNNELS, as the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. Udall) so aptly described, was one person it was impossible not to like. I quite often paid him my own mental compliment during rollcalls by checking to see how he voted because so close were our views on many issues that I wanted to make sure that I was right and I knew that HAROLD would be.

Even in the adversity of his last illness he was always able to make jokes about it, some of them hilarious and I know the gentleman from New Mexico shared some of those with both of us.

Mr. Speaker, we know many people in many ways in our lifetime and in the House of Representatives a special bond of affection is created amongst those of us who work together, even though we may not always agree. HAROLD RUNNELS was a very special person in my life and in the lives of thousands of other people he represented and was very special, I am sure, to his family. The United States has lost a great public servant. The State of New Mexico should be very proud of the record he established.

And I have lost a very good friend.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS was one of the finest men it has ever been my privilege to know. He was a close personal friend, and I have felt this untimely passing with a sense of profound grief.

During his titanic struggle to live, I visited with him in his hospital room in New York and at his farm in Virginia. In those last few weeks as his life ebbed away, he was optimistic, magnanimous, and courageous. He knew that the end was near, although he never gave up.

HAROLD RUNNELS loved life. He loved people. The art of politics was as natural to HAROLD as any person who serves in this body. The voters of New Mexico's Second District started electing HAROLD to public office 20 years ago, and I believe they would have continued this process for the next 20 years.

Several years ago a popular broadway play, "A Man for All Seasons," became a film and received an Academy Award for best film for that year. It was the story of one of the giants of Western civilization, Thomas Moore. Sir Thomas was a politician. He knew the art of compromise and the give and take of politics. But on a point of principle, he would not compromise. HAROLD RUNNELS was schooled in the same philosophy. He was like the Rock of Gibraltar in standing firm for high ideals; principle and good ethics. He was truly a "Man for All Seasons."

HAROLD achieved his fame and fortune in New Mexico, but I am proud to say he was born in Texas. A veteran of World War II and a successful businessman, HAROLD RUNNELS was one of the most active people imaginable. His sense of humor was legend. How many times have those of us in this body benefited from his ready smile, quick humor, and marvelous stories? No doubt about it, most of us have shared a laugh with him.

As I look back on the memory of this remarkable man, many fine traits and characteristics will come to mind. One is the inspiration he gave me and others close to him toward the end of his life. HAROLD was a man of christian principle, a man at peace with himself, and these virtues shone through at the toughest point in his life.

Another trait was his deep and abiding love of family. His wife, Dorothy, is a lovely, courageous person, who suffered through HAROLD's long illness with dignity and a faith that should serve as an inspiration to all similarly affected. He also leaves four children—

Michael, Phillip, Matthew, and Eydie—who share in common the high ideals of their father.

Also, when we look back on HAROLD's career, it can be said with authority that he stood foursquare for America. He believed in a strong national defense, and as a member of the Armed Services Committee, he fought long and hard in behalf of America's legitimate defense needs. Like every American 45 years of age and older, HAROLD RUNNELS remembered Pearl Harbor. He understood the nature of imperialistic, adventurous regimes that seek to destroy democracy and freedom, and he was committed to keeping the peace by maintaining a line of defense second to none.

A man like HAROLD RUNNELS passes this way all too seldom. Maybe Robert E. Lee summed it up best when he responded to the question:

General, what is the most important word in the language?

Lee responded firmly that the word is "duty." HAROLD RUNNELS recognized his duty to family, State, and Nation. He did not shirk duty. He did not shy from responsibility. He was firm and resolute. Yet, throughout it all, he was one of the most pleasant and sincere people to ever take the oath of office in this Chamber.

I shall miss him. We will all miss him. To his wife and children, I extend my deepest sympathy. To the Nation, which he loved so much, I say thank God for men of his calibre who are called upon for public service.

As I mentioned at the eulogy delivered at his funeral, a certain passage of scripture comes to my mind at a time such as this—Phillipians, 4th chapter, 8th verse, the following admonition appears:

Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report if there by any virtue and if there be any praise; think upon these things.

This passage is typical of the life of HAROLD RUNNELS, because he believed in the things that were true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report—it behooves us all to think upon the things he lived by.

Mr. LUJAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, and I know the gentleman was a great friend of HAROLD, having spent many of his last hours with him and delivering the eulogy at his funeral. I do think, though, that HAROLD would be very disappointed in me if I let go unchallenged the claiming of my friend from Texas of HAROLD for the State of Texas. I think that is kind of the only argument that HAROLD and I ever had, the First District versus the Second District.

But, I think he would have joined me in challenging the gentleman claiming him for the State of Texas. That was the kind of guy HAROLD was.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, It was my privilege to have known HAROLD during his nearly 10 years of service in Congress. We came to know one another better when in 1973 he became a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. I share additional responsibilities with him when he became chairman of the Subcommittee on Special Investigations in the 95th Congress, and chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in the 96th Congress and I served as the subcommittee's ranking minority member in each Congress.

HAROLD possessed an unusual expertise in petroleum and other energy matters. His expertise proved invaluable when the Special Investigations Subcommittee conducted hearings on the construction and environmental impact of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline system.

HAROLD later applied his perseverance to conducting hearings concerning the distribution of Alaska North Slope crude and the administration of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Act by the Department of the Interior.

He was committed toward seeing the oil pipeline constructed and operated in a manner which would protect the vast wilderness it traverses. Based upon findings from a series of our subcommittee hearings, we waged a campaign to have Congress enact legislation which would prohibit the export of Alaska North Slope crude and would allow all Americans the availability of this scarce resource.

Last year as chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee HAROLD conducted hearings on the proposed Alaska natural gas transportation system based on two factors: The pipeline's impact on our domestic energy supply picture and the reorganization of the Federal Government to accomplish a specific energy goal. He was committed toward seeing the proposed Alaska natural gas transportation system become a reality and the Federal Government assisting by cutting bureaucratic red tape.

The information gained from the congressional hearings chaired by HAROLD will provide the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the House with a basis for enacting further energy independence legislation. He was a man genuinely liked—even by his political and philosophical opponents. He truly lived by the Golden

Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." His vision, courage, and perseverance will be missed.

In crossing the river, he leaves a wonderful family—his wife, Dorothy, and their children, Mike, Phillip, Matt, and Eydie, to carry on his service to his State and Nation and his spirit of "Life is real." HAROLD RUNNELS lived in the spirit of the poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "A Psalm of Life":

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
  Life is but an empty dream—
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
  And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
  And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
  Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
  Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow
  Finds us farther than today.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
  And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
  Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
  In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
  Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant,
  Let the dead Past bury its dead.
Act—act in the living Present.
  Heart within, and God o'erhead.

Lives of great men all remind us
  We can make our lives sublime
And, departing, leave behind us
  Footprints in the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
  Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
  seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing.
  With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
  Learn to labor and to wait.

I am going to miss HAROLD RUNNELS as much as my own brother—a decent, honest, creditable, and totally trustworthy human being.

He had qualities in his character that can only be described as outstanding—sensitive to his people's needs and concerns, responsive to his State of New Mexico's objectives, and a full measure of dedication and devotion to the country he loved so much.

HAROLD RUNNELS, my close friend and working colleague, was a truly great Congressman—in the best tradition of New Mexico's congressional representation.

Mr. LEATH. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that my colleague from New Mexico has taken this special order to pay tribute to our dear friend, HAROLD RUNNELS.

I was thinking last week, just where did I meet HAROLD? It seemed that I had known him forever, and as I reflected on those words it occurred to me that when I came here in January 1979, as a freshman Member of Congress from Texas, a few months after that, when my family still was not here, and still feeling somewhat lost, I recalled that I had met HAROLD RUNNELS on the parking lot of the Giant store out in Arlington. He recognized that I was a Member of Congress by the license plate on my car, and came up and introduced himself. He could see the loss I was feeling from being away from my family, and the frustration. From that time on, that infectious smile of HAROLD's never ceased to be something I looked forward to every day.

HAROLD RUNNELS to me was the epitome of the person that should serve in this Government and in this Congress. He was the epitome of the great free enterprise system of ours. As has been pointed out by most of our colleagues, he was a man that started with nothing and achieved tremendous success; but never forgot where that success came from. He felt a deep obligation to give something back to a nation that would allow him to achieve that success.

And give it back, HAROLD did. He gave it back in spades day by day.

This Nation, in losing HAROLD RUNNELS, has lost a great patriot. This Congress, in losing HAROLD RUNNELS, has lost a great statesman. But my family and many of my colleagues have lost a dear friend.

As my son Thomas and my wife Alta join me in expressions of sympathy. I am reminded of what Thomas said the night we told

him that HAROLD has passed. He said, "Daddy, nobody will ever replace Uncle HAROLD."

Mr. Speaker, we will miss him, but we will never forget him.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that we all remember and miss HAROLD RUNNELS also, and I want to thank the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. Lujan) for giving us this opportunity to speak.

I did not know HAROLD probably as well as most of the Members who have spoken before me here today, but I enjoyed his company so much and I appreciated his presence here in this body. HAROLD did have an unordinary sense of humor that we all enjoyed so much when we had a chance to visit with him over there in the center aisle where he usually sat.

He had an exceptional amount of knowledge in a number of areas that many people did not come to know about unless they had an occasion at lunch to visit with him. I had an occasion to ask him about oil at one time, and he thoroughly educated me on the subject at that luncheon table.

The thing I remember most about HAROLD was an unordinary commitment to principle, and it transcended all other considerations, partisan, regional, or anything else.

HAROLD reminded me more than anyone else I have ever known of a quote from Peter Marshall when he was Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. Peter Marshall said in one of his last prayers, "Oh God, give us the strength to stand for something lest we fall for anything."

HAROLD knew what he stood for. There was never any doubt in his mind or in the mind of anybody else, and it made a difference to us. He showed that again in the last few months that he was here. He proved that he was a fighter. He was a fighter for his State, for his country, and for his life.

HAROLD was a gentle breeze that kind of passed over us all, and we all benefited from him. We will miss him.

Mr. Speaker, his State and our country will miss him, and we are all better because we have known HAROLD RUNNELS.

Mrs. BYRON. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend our colleague for taking this special order today, but I also have to express disagreement with him on one aspect. I have noted that the many speakers who have spoken before me today have stressed the love of the West which HAROLD RUNNELS had, and those of us from the East want

to get our words in, too, because HAROLD did not just belong to New Mexico or Texas, although those two are fighting over him; he belonged to the Nation. I think that is what should be stressed.

He had a great love of the West, but he had a strong feeling for the rest of this country, and the positions he took, the votes he cast, and the work he did in this body reflected that full response to the entire Nation.

HAROLD came here in 1970, and one of the first friends that my husband made as a new Member was HAROLD RUNNELS. The reason we made such a good friendship was because they were both fighting over who drew the highest number for office space. HAROLD won out in the fight by a few percentage points and got a better office, but they became very good, strong friends. Dottie and I have spent many pleasant times with our husbands discussing their work here, and as a new Member last year, when I came in January, one of the kindest, most helpful Members to me, as I was trying to get my feet on the ground in this position, was HAROLD RUNNELS.

There was never anything too big or anything too small that I asked of him that he did not give me the right answer and give me the guidance that a new Member needs.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the gentlemen today in expressing our best wishes to Dottie and the family for the period of mourning they are going through now. I am grateful for the privilege of having known HAROLD and having served with him.

Mr. HIGHTOWER. Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS was a very special type of man. When someone is a friend we are all inclined to see special qualities in that person. HAROLD was special in many ways. Several of my colleagues here today have referred to him as "special."

Since he was a Texan by birth and a personal friend of many Members of the Texas delegation, HAROLD RUNNELS was considered by the Members from Texas as "one of us." He was a "special" Member of the Texas delegation.

Although no one would have guessed that he was a highly successful businessman, HAROLD was, indeed, a business success before coming to Congress. As such he could honestly be called a self-made man, a very special quality. I have heard him tell the story of how his family was so poor during the days of the depression that on one occasion when they had no place to live, his family obtained permission to move into a chicken house on a farm in Texas. From such humble times

he brought himself to a position of power and prestige from which he could most likely have had any position that the voters of the State of New Mexico had within their power to give.

Many of us who have served with him will always remember HAROLD's marvelous and special wit. It was fresh and spontaneous and would often cause outbursts of laughter on the floor of the House that must have caused people in the gallery to wonder what was going on.

HAROLD had a special love for the land and the people of New Mexico. He was a most effective spokesman for the interests of native Americans as well as all New Mexicans, and the public lands of that State. HAROLD RUNNELS had courage because he was firm in his convictions. He made decisions based on an understanding of the issues, an understanding of his district, and understanding of the world we live in today.

The committees on which HAROLD served were Armed Services and Interior and Insular Affairs. Those two committees are of equal importance to the State of New Mexico. HAROLD RUNNELS provided a voice of leadership and reason to those committees. He never was carried away by headlines on an issue. We have all been better served because of his special service.

The advertising of the American Cancer Society which urges Americans to "cure cancer during your lifetime" has a more personal significance to us all since this dread disease has taken from our ranks such a special friend. If we could only have found a cure that would have made it possible for HAROLD RUNNELS to have lived the "three score and ten years" to which he was surely entitled, how much better the world would have been.

To Dorothy, Matt, Michael, Phillip, and Eydie, we express our sincerest sympathy. Their loss is great. The Congress and every Member of Congress share in that sense of loss because he was our dear and special friend.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his yielding to me, and especially thank him for taking this time to honor one of the greatest people I have ever known in the House of Representatives.

I came here in 1973 with a colleague from Oklahoma named Clem McSpadden, and it was through Clem and through HAROLD RUNNELS that I really got my feet wet in the House of Representa-

tives. These oldtimers in politics showed a relative newcomer from North Carolina a great many of the ropes of this place.

I think those who look at the record of what we have said here about HAROLD RUNNELS today will probably be able to sense that we all, in many different ways, sense something that is extremely rare and extremely special about HAROLD. One of my colleagues just talked about meeting him in a parking lot at the grocery store, and another has talked about his having been brought up in such humble beginnings that at one time he lived in a chicken coop.

Well, HAROLD loaned me a helicopter at one time, and I do not know of any of my other colleagues here, whether they are from Texas or New Mexico, who ever got a helicopter. But HAROLD used to fly in from his home in Virginia occasionally in a helicopter and land at National Airport.

One time I had to be somewhere for a constitutent of mine, and there was just no way—in my freshman year I had overextended myself—that I could get there. And HAROLD said, "I have a helicopter and a pilot, and why don't you just use that, old boy? You go out to National Airport and they will let you use it."

I hope I have not said anything that is illegal, because back then it was okay for HAROLD to loan me his helicopter. And I loved him as a friend, and I think the House loved him. I am convinced, because of what happened to him in his latest days and in his last days, that HAROLD knew where he was headed when he left this world, and he is over there on the other side listening to us now, and that he would say to all of us, "Don't take yourselves too seriously, don't forget how to laugh, don't forget how to be happy, and do your best to make people around you feel happy and to lighten their load."

HAROLD helped us all lighten the load of this place. Congress tends to be a lightening rod for the tension of America. When the people are stressful, we get stressful. And HAROLD could laugh at anything. He would have us to be not too serious, although it is hard to keep from being serious when we think of what we have lost. But in his last of his bout with cancer—and those of you who visited him in New York, which I did not get the privilege to do, would know this even clearer than I do—HAROLD got in touch with his Maker. He came to know his Creator and learned about the spiritual dimension of his own life in a way that few of us ever will.

Now, he struggled and he wanted to lick cancer. He thought he had, and he felt that on several occasions. I had talked to him about

how his attitude and his positive spirit helped him overcome a great deal of his pain, but I can recall him sitting back here in the center aisle, back near the door—we ought to almost put a plaque on one of those seats back there for HAROLD—he had come down from New York, from the Sloane-Kettering Clinic, and sweat was popping out on his face, he was gritting his teeth because he was in pain, but he was still smiling and he was still joking and he was still trying to make everybody around him feel better.

So thank you, Manny, for taking this time to honor him. His family will miss him, as we will miss him. But HAROLD RUNNELS is with his Maker and he is happy. God bless him and God bless his family.

Mr. PICKLE. Thank you, Manny, for making this time available and giving us the chance to express our love again for HAROLD RUNNELS.

A wink in his eye, a grin, a laugh, a friendly handshake—and you have described HAROLD RUNNELS. He was as good as gold.

"MUD" RUNNELS was easily one of the most affable Members of the House. That does not mean he was soft or easily swayed. He had firm convictions and you knew his position as surely as you knew where the U.S. Capitol stood. His philosophy was so clear and positive that we did not have to guess on how he would vote.

But this does not mean that "MUD" was a negative man. He had a feeling for the little fellow. Anyone born in Texas and who grew up in New Mexico—anyone who learned to live with sand, wind, drought and the rough side of nature—is bound to have a strong character.

Most of all, he believed in the free enterprise system. He wanted to see a person get paid for what he or she earned, along with the right to risk capital to provide for a family—or the right even to risk the loss of money.

Since "MUD" was in the oil and gas business, I suspect he lost more fortunes than he gained.

On the House floor, many State delegations usually sit together. It is a custom, and a sign of friendship and shared philosophy. The Texas delegation usually sits in a group in this fashion.

In the middle of our delegation frequently sat HAROLD RUNNELS, "holding court," passing the latest word and philosophy on a pending amendment, and in general, leading the discussion of a bill, or of some timely subject. With all due respect to New Mexico, we Texans felt HAROLD was one of our own. We trusted him and loved him.

Our House of Representatives will miss this brave, courageous and outstanding American. Though he suffered months of illness, never once did he complain. He always had an attitude of happiness, which frequently exceeded our own. He was one "helluva" man, and these halls will not be the same without him.

To Dorothy and his family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy, and we say—if it is at all possible, we will miss HAROLD RUNNELS almost as much as our own family.

Mr. HANCE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to say something about HAROLD RUNNELS. The words have been said earlier. It is hard to compare with those words, but I want to touch on a couple of things that are a little different.

One is that he represented on the cities in my district, and that was Midland, the second largest city in my district, and I always felt like they had two Congressmen. After I was not really a landslide candidate in Midland in my first race and received 23 percent of the vote, I was trying to figure out the best way to turn that situation around and one of the fellows in Midland said, "You need to get HAROLD RUNNELS to come down and speak for you," and I did. And from that day on, it was downhill.

He was well thought of. Our districts joined each other. Each summer for the past 10 years I have always spent my summer vacation in HAROLD's district, in Ruidoso, N. Mex., and after I got involved in politics in the early 1970's I would there talk to people, whether at the post office, the cafe, or wherever, and you would say, "What is your Congressman's name? Who is here?" And you could find out a lot about an individual because they will tell you a lot about how their personal feelings are, especially if they do not know whether you know them or not, and the people in that district loved HAROLD RUNNELS. That was exemplified at his funeral. I was glad that I was able to be there. It was packed at the Lovington Wildcat Auditorium. They were all there. The young and old and rich and poor, they were all there to pay tribute to a man that they knew and a man that they loved.

He was also a man of courage. I flew to New York about a month before he passed away, spent all day Sunday with him, and he knew that his time was limited. There were three or four things that I had been working on with him, and he asked me about those things. I did not go there to talk business, but he was still kind of coaching me on some of the things to do and not to do on a couple of bills that we

were working on together. There he was, facing death, and he was putting my interest first and talking to me about my problems. I think that exemplifies the type of person he was. He was a person of courage, a person who put other people first. I am just glad that I had a chance to get to know him and to get to see how well the people in his district loved him. I think to them he is exemplified, as Kipling said in his poem "If":

If you can walk with kings and keep a common man's touch, then my son, you will be a man.

HAROLD RUNNELS definitely was a man.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, two ironies or paradoxes occur to me in connection with HAROLD RUNNELS. One is his nickname "MUD" RUNNELS proceeds from the business he was in, drilling mud, which, I understand, is some kind of lubricant for drilling for oil. Interesting he should pick up a nickname like that because it is so paradoxical when you consider his personality. I think he said something funny about all of us, but I never heard him say anything unkind about any of us. And if he lived in a chickenhouse for a while, that is also paradoxical because, in essence, what we have said here this evening is that he never chickened out on any of his principles.

And, finally, it seems to me that the hallmark of a splendid human being is the ability of a person, the capacity of a person, to share his joy without sharing his sorrow with others, and that in essence is what our friend, Mr. Rose from North Carolina, has said. No matter how great the pain, grasping a larger hope and realizing that since it is inflicting that pain on others to whine about it, one of many things that can be said about HAROLD and has been said about HAROLD by many Members here today is that he just did not know how to whine, he did not know how to rob the rest of us of whatever joy we had that day by whining about his problems.

I do not suppose anybody had any greater problems than HAROLD had in his final years, the final month in particular. I add my gratitude to the gentleman in the well and my immense gratitude to our Creator for blessing us with HAROLD RUNNELS.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, most often we come to know and love our colleagues during our time of service in the House of Representatives. But I had known HAROLD RUNNELS since our teenage days in Dallas when we attended rival high schools.

HAROLD RUNNELS was a man defined by the country he knew—by the Southwest and by the United States. He was a fiercely loyal American, but above all else he was a man of the Southwest.

Never was there any doubt during his time here about where his deepest roots lay. He fought for New Mexico's interests just as he fought the disease which finally took him from us.

HAROLD RUNNELS was a good man, a strong man, and we shall miss him.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the House today in paying tribute to one of our former friends and colleagues, HAROLD RUNNELS, who passed away on August 5.

HAROLD RUNNELS came to Congress in 1970 after 10 years in the New Mexico State Legislature. He had an illustrious career in the Congress representing the Second District of New Mexico with distinction. Coming from neighboring States, he and I shared concern for issues affecting the West. HAL was a staunch advocate of the free enterprise system, and had a successful business career in the petroleum service industry, one of the key sectors in our Nation's search for more energy. He believed in the free marketplace, and opposed strongly imposition of Federal controls and price strictures on energy resources. He served on the Interior and Insular Affairs and Armed Services Committees and, as chairman of the Interior Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, he worked hard to monitor agency performance relative to the intent of congressional legislation.

He was a man of great conviction, and earned many friends on both sides of the aisle during this decade in the House. He was a dedicated public servant, and a good friend. I join his many friends in Congress in sorrow at his untimely passing. I extend condolences to his wife, Dorothy, and his four children.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of great loss and sorrow that I pay tribute to the late HAROLD RUNNELS.

HAROLD RUNNELS was a man whose life embodied the kinds of virtues that formed this Nation and made it great: courage, hard work, common sense, and generosity. He made it the hard way by starting a small business and turning it into a flourishing enterprise.

There is little question that HAROLD was an extremely competent legislator. His work on the Armed Services and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees was always steady and prudent. In particular,

he was a fair and straightforward chairman of the Interior Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

HAROLD RUNNELS—a dedicated public servant, a man of unquestioned integrity, a good friend—will long be missed by this Member of Congress.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS served on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, with distinction and exemplary dedication. His seniority and the respect of his colleagues earned him the position of chairman of the Subcommittee on Special Investigations in the 95th Congress, and chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in the 96th Congress. His leadership in both positions was highly valued, and his service to his country and his State commanded admiration and respect not only from members of the Interior Committee but also from Members throughout the Congress. His character and devotion to public life were unswerving and endured to the end, even as he courageously faced the sickness and pain that eventually brought about his untimely death on August 5, 1980.

HAROLD RUNNELS was recognized as an able legislator, having served New Mexico as its Representative in Congress since January 3, 1971, and as a member of the Senate of the New Mexico State Legislature for a period of 10 years prior to the commencement of his congressional career. He had many civic accomplishments, and his death represents a great loss not only to New Mexico but also to the Nation.

The leadership ability of HAROLD RUNNELS was well demonstrated during his nearly 10 years of service in Congress and as a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee since 1973. His particular expertise on oil and gas matters was widely recognized and respected, and resulted in significant public benefit when he chaired hearings on the Alaska natural gas transportation system during the present Congress.

In issuing the call for those hearings, Representative RUNNELS voiced his belief that it is "essential for all Members of Congress and the public to be kept informed of the progress toward construction of what will likely be the largest privately financed international business venture of all time." His diligence in the conduct of those hearings made them an effective instrument of the congressional oversight responsibility.

HAROLD RUNNELS' warm sense of humor, his legislative ability, his technical expertise, and his unfailing love for his nation, his people, and his State will be deeply missed.

We, his colleagues and friends, members of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, will miss his valued counsel and long will hold his memory dear.

As a measure of our respect, and of our sincere sympathy for his family and friends:

Now therefore be it resolved, by unanimous vote of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, assembled in regular meeting on August 20 1980, That upon adjournment of the committee it do so out of respect for our late colleague HAROLD RUNNELS; that this Resolution be spread upon the record of the committee; and that a copy thereof be transmitted to his wife Dorothy Runnels and their children Michael, Phillip, Matthew, and Eydie.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I join today in paying a special tribute to our late colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS, who recently passed away.

HAROLD was a natural, warm-hearted man, who served tirelessly, patiently, and with great attention to even the smallest details that would affect the people of the Second District of New Mexico. Throughout his long and distinguished career, HAROLD worked diligently on behalf of his district and his country. He was dedicated to the discharge of his congressional duties in such a fashion that was totally responsive to the needs of our Nation as well as the State of New Mexico.

During his 20 years of public service, 10 of which were in the Congress, HAROLD served with courage and distinction. He leaves us a record of legislative accomplishment and personal example which we will all truly miss.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, he did his homework and was a champion of legislation that would insure the soundness of our country's future.

We have lost the services of a respected and sincere colleague and an extremely warm and understanding friend.

Mrs. Derwinski joins with me in extending our heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Dorothy, and his children.

Mr. BRINKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sad hearts that we participate today in this special order on the passing of a dear friend and colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS; but it is with glad hearts that we may reflect upon his unique life and uncommon service.

Cicero said that the qualities of a leader are those of wisdom, justice, moderation, and fortitude. These words are embodied in the seal of my home State of Georgia in a novel way. The terms, "wisdom," "justice," and "moderation" are actually printed, but the term "fortitude" is depicted by a sentry standing between two of the three columns supporting the arch above them.

In this 96th Congress, HAROLD RUNNELS' life epitomized that quality of fortitude. He never gave an inch. He was a battler all the way, and what an example he was for each of us to remember. I served with him on the Armed Services Committee; I traveled with him on the Armed Services Committee; and I got to know HAROLD very, very well.

I can vouch for his total commitment to getting the job done, the efforts of which were always clothed in easygoing good humor.

He was an honest man, a smart man, and comfortable to be with. We will deeply miss this outstanding Representative from this body, and wish to express our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Runnels and the family.

Mr. SYMMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sorrow that we have lost our good friend HAL RUNNELS—I always affectionately referred to him as "MUD."

I extend my sympathy and prayers to Dorothy and the family—Mr. Speaker—I had the privilege with Mr. Lujan to work with HAL on the Interior Committee. He never failed to represent his constituents and the country on that committee.

How well I also remember his inspirational speech, on the need for more energy for future Americans and against the expansion of Government power and interference.

He was and is still correct in his deep abiding faith in the individual American to solve their own problems. May he rest in peace.

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives has lost one of its most able and accomplished legislators—HAROLD RUNNELS. I join my many colleagues in extending sympathy to his family.

Prior to his election to the 92d Congress in 1970, HAROLD RUNNELS served with honor and distinction in the Senate of New Mexico. The

experience he gained during his 10 year service in the New Mexico Senate certainly proved to be an important foundation for his work in the Congress. As the Representative of New Mexico's 2d Congressional District, HAROLD served forcefully and effectively on the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

The residents of his district, like his colleagues in the House, admired and respected HAROLD RUNNELS for his honor, integrity, and devotion to public service. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. DERRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound admiration for the late HAROLD RUNNELS that I today join my fellow colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to offer tribute for this former Member, and good friend.

MUD was one of the kindest, gentlest people I have ever known. His sense of humor, well known by all in this Chamber, was superseded only by his compassion for his fellow man.

In business, MUD achieved and enjoyed extensive success. Likewise, in public life, MUD was one of the most capable Members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

As a Member of Congress, MUD clearly had the interests of his constituents at heart. The representation that he exercised on their behalf will be clearly missed.

MUD enjoyed a special place in the hearts of all Members of the House. Suzanne and I would like to offer our sincerest condolences to Dorothy, their four sons, and all who knew MUD, because to know MUD was to be his friend.

Mr. SEBELIUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with the other Members of the House today in paying respect to our absent colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS of New Mexico.

For the past 10 years, I have had the distinct privilege of serving with my colleague from across the aisle, on the House Interior Committee. During those 10 years, I had the opportunity to work closely with HAROLD and from that work, came to admire and respect him. HAROLD was a man of firm convictions who always stood up and spoke out for what he believed and what he thought was right.

HAROLD was also a man of deep personal courage. As we all know, HAROLD had serious health problems these last few years but he never let them stand in the way of his commitment to his district. In fact, I think maybe his having faced these problems head-on gave him

some of the courage to face the Nation's problems with fresh, clear thinking. He was always one to separate the wheat from the chaff in short order. And this body always needs men of that caliber.

I know I speak for the House when I offer my sympathies to his wife and family. I know these have not been easy years for them. It would have been easy for HAROLD to quit when the going got rough—but true to form, HAROLD did not. HAROLD gave the best of his time and talents to his district and his country right up until the end. What more could any man give?

Mr. DUNCAN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share in this tribute to HAROLD RUNNELS. He and I shared a common interest in helicopters and helicopter flying, and I suppose that was what first brought us together.

But beyond that, I came to admire HAROLD as a self-made man—one who knew the virtues and the agonies of hard physical work, and who enjoyed the rough and tumble of the oil fields and the contests of the business world, and excelled in both arenas.

He brought to the Congress the ideas and ideals he developed as a worker and as an executive. He spoke bluntly, and he voted as he spoke—bluntly, honestly, generally on the right side, and always according to his concept of the greatest good for the greatest number.

HAROLD RUNNELS served his State and Nation well. He will be missed by his constituency and by his friends in the Congress, of whom I am proud to count myself as one.

Mr. DRINAN. Mr. Speaker, the death of Congressman HAROLD RUNNELS leaves us without a friend and reminds us of the 20-year career of public service in which this admirable man engaged.

I came to Congress with HAROLD RUNNELS in the 92d Congress. I have watched his devotion and dedication and lament with great sorrow his untimely passing.

HAROLD had a distinguished career even before he came to the Congress. He served with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and had extensive experience in business management and in industry. He served for 10 full years as a member of the New Mexico Senate.

I and all of those who admired HAROLD RUNNELS send our prayerful compassion and sympathy to his wife, Dorothy, and to his four children, Michael, Phillip, Matt, and Eydie.

Mrs. BOUQUARD. Mr. Speaker, there is a void and a stillness where there was once a pillar of strength and a sea of vibrant opti-

misim. Our able colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS, will truly be missed. He was—no one would deny—one of a kind. For who could be equal.

An uncompromising and relentless servant of the people of New Mexico, HAROLD had a manifest love for all people, of all walks of life, and a depth of concern that knew no boundaries. He worked for the well-being of the Natives of Alaska, the urbanites of New York, the farmers of the plains, just as he did for the constituents of his own district. He was a compassionate man who gave his life to the cause of making this world a decent and a prosperous place for all to dwell.

We will miss the laughter and joy that was HAROLD RUNNELS. He loved humorous stories, especially those on himself. He was a perpetual source of wit and warmth. On any day that your spirits were not up to optimism level, a quick chat with HAROLD was a sure morale booster.

HAROLD loved God, he was a good man, a devoted father and husband, a successful businessman, and an able and effective leader of this country. Few have achieved so much success.

Sure, we are going to miss him. Where else could we find one source of so much overt optimism, down-to-earth commonsense and uncanny approach to the problems on issues at hand? The void is here and now. Beyond our sorrow and loss, I share with you the confidence that the rare spirit of this great man will live on in the hearts of all of us whose lives he touched. We are all better people and our lives are richer because he came our way.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the untimely death of Congressman HAROLD RUNNELS, and I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to his 30 years of distinguished service to this country.

After successful careers in the U.S. Air Force, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and private business, HAROLD RUNNELS entered politics. Congressman RUNNELS gave the State of New Mexico 20 years of public service, first in the State senate, then in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the New Mexico State Senate, he rose to a leadership position as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Congressman RUNNELS entered the U.S. House of Representatives in 1970. He was reelected to the next four Congresses, and in 1978 became the first Congressman in New Mexico's history to win election without opposition. As a member of the House Armed Services Com-

mittee, and chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on Interior Investigation, HAROLD RUNNELS was not afraid to get involved in controversy. New Mexico voters liked his honesty and bluntness on issues. State officials called Congressman RUNNELS "a hard worker" who "had shown unmatched courage" as "one of New Mexico's truly great leaders."

Those of us who have served with HAROLD RUNNELS can attest to the accuracy of those fine words of tribute. Congressman RUNNELS worked hard, not only to represent the interests of the citizens of New Mexico, but also to make this country a better place for all. HAROLD RUNNELS played an influential role in the important energy and defense policy decisions made by Congress during the last decade. All of us will miss his thoughtful, timely contributions to the legislative process. More importantly, we will miss his affable and outgoing manner, which won him many friends, not only in Congress, but throughout the country.

My sincere condolences go to his wife, Dorothy, and his family.

Mr. LOEFFLER. Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS devoted 20 years of outstanding public service to the people of New Mexico, and our Nation—first in the New Mexico State Senate, then for the past ten years, as the Representative for the Second Congressional District of New Mexico.

The people of New Mexico will miss his able representation, and those of us who considered him more than just a colleague—but a true friend, feel a sense of loss beyond explanation.

He possessed qualities rare among men: Dedicated to principles. Dedicated to friends. Dedicated to a vision of this country's future that could not be shaken by events or circumstances.

His work on the Interior Committee protecting our vital natural resources, and his unswering dedication to a strong country as a member of the Armed Services Committee, assure that his name shall be long remembered among those who have served in this body.

I know that my wife Kathy, who had the opportunity of working for him while she was employed by the House Interior Committee, and I are not alone when we say the House of Representatives has lost one of its best and most able leaders.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for this opportunity to salute my friend and colleague HAROLD RUNNELS.

The gentleman from New Mexico contributed a great deal to the work of this body in the course of a long career.

Mr. RUNNELS and I worked closely together on solar energy legislation in the last Congress, and I value my memories of that association. Mr. RUNNELS was one of the original, active supporters of efforts to increase funding for solar activities at the Department of Energy. He was instrumental in developing the Congressional Solar Coalition. In addition, his support and hard work helped guarantee the success of my floor amendment to raise solar appropriations in 1977.

I am glad to have shared these important efforts with our late colleague, and I know the House will miss the contributions of an outstanding legislator.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, on August 5, I was shocked and saddened by the news that a dear friend and trusted colleague, Congressman HAROLD L. RUNNELS of New Mexico, had passed away. I am sure my fellow colleagues in the House will agree with me when I say his knowledge and leadership will be sorely missed and I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to him.

As a member of the House Armed Services and House Interior and Insular Affairs Committees, HAROLD earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the long hours he put in to be kept abreast of many an issue. He never shied away from the complex and difficult matters facing his constituents and the country. One such issue was energy, one of the most important and complex problems this Nation has faced in its history.

He was considered, and rightfully so, one of the most knowledgeable Members of Congress on petroleum and energy issues and used his expertise well while serving on the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

An example of in-depth knowledge was displayed while he served as chairman of the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee and dealt with addressing the investigation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and the distribution of Alaskan oil from Prudhoe Bay.

He also did exemplary work when he conducted hearings on the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System. In both instances his hard work was instrumental in solving our energy crisis and reducing our dependence on foreign sources of petroleum, and our country is to be forever grateful for a job well done.

HAROLD also fought hard on other issues of interest to his constituents, among them, the abolishment of inequities within the Federal tax system, supporting tax incentives for conservation by individuals or businesses, and encouraging development of alternative energy sources. In addition, he sponsored legislation to prevent bankruptcy among family farms in New Mexico and fought to save water projects vital to farmers.

HAROLD RUNNELS will be sorely missed by his constituents and colleagues, and the outstanding work he loved so much, will long be remembered. The House, the people of New Mexico, and the United States have lost a caring, and courageous friend. To his wife and four children I offer my prayers in this most difficult of times.

Mr. Speaker, I recently came across an article written by a former colleague, the Honorable Otis Pike of New York, that says a lot about our beloved friend, HAROLD RUNNELS. I insert the article into the Record at this point:

HIS NAME IS "MUD"; ONLY ONE MAN CAN HANDLE OIL STORAGE DEBACLE

(By Otis Pike)

WASHINGTON.—There was a story on "60 Minutes" Sunday about the debacle which our strategic oil reserve policy has become. Our current policy, you may recall, is to pump oil out of the naval petroleum reserves which we have had since Teddy Roosevelt's day and use it to drive our cars, yachts, jets and snowmobiles.

To assuage our consciences, our policy also is to pump a lot of other oil into some large empty holes in the ground in Louisiana and Texas.

As if this nonsense weren't laughable enough in concept, the bills are now coming in and the details are hilarious if you're too weary to weep. A program scheduled to cost $6 billion two years ago is at $40 billion and climbing. The oil isn't there—and if it were, the pumps to get it out aren't there anyway.

PUT "MUD" IN CHARGE

I hereby offer the administration some free advice—put HAROLD "MUD" RUNNELS in charge. The administration will ignore the advice. HAROLD RUNNELS, you see, would make a miserable bureaucrat. He hates shuffling papers—doesn't even like reading them much. Besides, he's probably on the administration's computerized hit list.

"MUD" RUNNELS is a Congressman from the State of New Mexico—allegedly a Democrat, although the White House would argue about that. He votes with the Democrats on large issues—like electing the Speaker of the House—and votes with the Republicans on tiny ones—like the budget and defense spending. In a Congress replete with the possessors of great in-

herited wealth on one hand and Boy Scouts who have never had any income except at the public till on the other, HAROLD is unique. He has a lot of money, but earned it the hard way.

He drives a Model A Ford to remind him of where he came from and a Continental Mark V to remind him of where he is. A magazine called New Times once listed him as one of the "10 dumbest Congressmen" in America. I'd put him in charge of our strategic petroleum reserve because he knows as much about oil as anyone in America and more than anyone in Congress. You should be so dumb.

New Times confused intelligence with education, a common failing of liberal publications. Congressman RUNNELS' formal education ended in 1942 when he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas County, Tex. He decided to make his fame and fortune in Washington, D.C. His first entry was not auspicious.

JOINING THE "OIL PATCH"

In a voice rough enough to polish diamonds, he explains: "My daddy loaned me the money for the bus ticket and the $3 for my leather strap suitcase. I stayed at the Raleigh Hotel and my first night there I got kicked out of the lobby because I didn't have a jacket. It was the first night I'd ever been away from home."

Fame and fortune became a job as a clerk-typist with the FBI, from which he was liberated by World War II and the Army Air Corps. After the war, disappointed by Washington, he settled in Magnolia, Ark., where in 1946 he was running two movie theaters. By 1951 he was running five movie theaters, but a friend named J. B. "Jimmy" Downs warned him about television and invited him to join "the oil patch."

"Jimmy Downs was the smartest man I ever knew and he only finished third grade," says HAROLD. HAROLD sold the five theaters and left Magnolia, for the oil patch in Lee County, N. Mex., known to geologists as the heart of the Permian Basin.

HAROLD got into the mud business "by nickels and dimes." Mud, more delicately called drilling fluid, must be pumped down to the drilling bits. It lubricates, cools, prevents blowouts and carries the cuttings up to the surface. A barrel of good mud costs more than a barrel of oil and HAROLD provides it to Texaco, Mobil—all the big ones. He has grossed well over $1 million providing the mud for just one well.

"The good Lord and this country been so good to me I can't hardly stand it," says HAROLD.

New Times magazine went broke last year. And the people of New Mexico for the first time in history sent a Representative back to Congress without opposition.

He could get the oil into those holes and get it out too—if he could stand the paperwork.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it was with genuine sorrow that I learned of the passing of the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS, Congressman from the Second District of New Mexico.

HAROLD RUNNELS had been a friend and colleague for more than a decade, although we served on different sides of the political aisle and shared no committee assignments. I came to know HAROLD RUNNELS as a dedicated public servant who considered all aspects of the issues and voted in good conscience for the principles in which he believed. His presence will be sorely missed by his constituents in New Mexico and his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives.

All of us mourn his passing and extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends in the Second Congressional District of New Mexico, and throughout the entire State and Nation.

Mr. DICKINSON. Mr. Speaker, in the death of our friend and distinguished colleague HAROLD RUNNELS, the Nation has lost an able and dedicated Congressman and New Mexico has lost one of its most outstanding sons.

I was privileged to serve with HAROLD RUNNELS on the Committee on Armed Services. We worked closely together as members of the Subcommittee on Research and Development, and the Subcommittee on Investigations. He was one of the most diligent and dedicated public servants and he worked hard for a strong national defense posture. He was an effective and outspoken advocate for our national security and his stewardship in Washington has been important to the Nation.

HAROLD was an intelligent, witty, wise, and pleasant person and I enjoyed his company. Even though he had been in poor health for some time, he always had a smile and a friendly word. He was one of those courageous and strong upbeat persons who did not complain.

HAROLD RUNNELS' strong voice made him a man to be listened to and respected. He set an example of patriotism and dedication that will be remembered with respect and admiration by all who knew him. Few men have contributed more toward building our national defense forces than HAROLD RUNNELS. He will be sorely missed and his absence from Congress will be our loss.

Mrs. Dickinson and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to Dorothy and the children.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fine Congressman, a fine man, and a good friend, HAROLD RUNNELS of New Mexico. His untimely death has been a loss to us all.

Since 1971, he served this House and his district, with distinction, and brought great pride to those who elected him and to those who served with him.

I was fortunate, during the 4 years I have had the honor of representing the Fourth Congressional District of West Virginia, to have worked with HAROLD RUNNELS on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, and on the Mines and Mining Subcommittee.

I respected his judgment, his counsel, and his commitment.

I would like to stress again, much of what already has been said about HAROLD RUNNELS. He was indeed, the epitome of the American dream, rising from poverty to a man of great resource.

But most of all, after his private success, he put the same dedication, hard work and determination into his work as a Member of Congress. For that, this Nation can be grateful.

HAROLD RUNNELS will be missed by his family, his friends, his constituents and his colleagues. I for one, am proud to have known him and to have worked with him. He left a mark on me, as I know he did many, many others.

Mrs. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sadness to pay tribute to the memory of our friend HAROLD RUNNELS, whose dedication and knowledge contributed so much to the work of the Congress, and whose courage under serious afflictions showed his noble character.

I was privileged to work with HAROLD RUNNELS on the House Armed Services Committee, and I appreciated the deliberative quality of his work and the emminent good sense he brought to the problems we confronted.

In his activities as a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, he impressed all of his colleagues with his knowledge of natural resources issues, especially his experienced grasp of the complexities of the oil industry.

The record shows that his constituents were as impressed as we were. Two years ago, he became the first person in New Mexico history to sail through a congressional election without opposition.

Mr. Speaker, it should be our prayer that none of us ever must suffer the afflictions that burdened our friend HAROLD RUNNELS. In 1971, after he was first elected to Congress, he suffered a severe heart attack. Two years ago, he underwent surgery for lung cancer. Last year, the doctors found that he had bone cancer. In a speech to this House last year, he told us we were "listening to a man who had some odds and percentages that are not in his favor."

Physically, I guess he was right, but what he had in his favor was his spirit. It won the admiration of all of us, but it was more than admiration that drew us to him. He always had a warm and generous personality.

I feel a real sense of loss at the death of HAROLD RUNNELS, but all of us who knew him are richer for the experience. I thank God that we have been privileged to know him.

Mr. COLLINS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Congress lost a great leader when we lost HAROLD RUNNELS of New Mexico. He has been a dynamic voice in the development and utilization of our Nation's energy.

My personal deep appreciation and respect for HAROLD RUNNELS was based on his down to earth, solid, fundamental background in business. He knew the oil and gas industry as well as any man that has served in Congress. He has worked in oil fields and has been engaged in every phase of drilling and exploration. He headed up one of the most successful companies that provided drilling mud for the oil rigs.

With our Nation facing an energy crisis, our Congress will miss the insight, the logic and the sound advice of HAROLD RUNNELS. He was a fighter for what he thought was right, and when we discussed energy, he was right there every time.

My wife, Dee, and I extend our sincerest sympathy to Dorothy and their three sons, Michael, Phillip, and Matthew, and their daughter, Eydie. It is hard to realize that we have lost HAROLD. He always had such a delightful smile and such a friendly, enthusiastic personality. The West has lost a great son of the Frontier. The U.S. Congress lost one of the finest men who had ever served in Washington when we lost HAROLD RUNNELS.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives in paying tribute to our late colleague from New Mexico, HAROLD L. RUNNELS.

HAROLD and I came to the House together in 1971. In his nearly 10 years of service, HAROLD earned the respect of all for his hard work and dedication to the cause of a sound energy policy for his country.

His courage and grit and determined discharge of his official duties in the face of his overwhelming illness was in the highest tradition of public service and of the U.S. Congress.

HAROLD RUNNELS will be missed for his knowledge and insight in energy matters. But, mostly we will grieve HAROLD because he was a good man and our friend.

I extend my condolences and sympathies to his wife and the family.

Mr. ROE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues, the people of New Mexico, and the entire Nation in mourning the recent death of our good friend HAROLD RUNNELS.

Congressman RUNNELS served his State and his country proudly during his 20 years in public life. As a State senator in New Mexico, he rose to the rank of chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. That experience served him well when he was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1970.

We will miss the legislative excellence that he displayed as chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Investigation and Oversight Subcommittee.

During his five terms here, HAROLD became one of the most popular Members of the House. His ever present smile and good nature will be sorely missed.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my distinguished colleague, the Honorable Manuel Lujan, for providing me with this opportunity to note a great loss to this body and this country, the death of the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS. It is with both sorrow and pride that I participate in this tribute to my friend and colleague.

Hundreds of men and women have passed through this hall, but few have exemplified the qualities of this distinguished gentleman. During his all too brief tenure as the Representative from the Second District of New Mexico, HAROLD RUNNELS engulfed his life with compassion and a commitment to public service. That he was the first candidate for Congress to be unopposed in New Mexico's history is a testimonial to his unprecedented sensitivity to the needs and interests of his constituents. HAROLD RUNNELS made this special contribution to his district and to this body because he was a very special man.

Mr. Speaker, I had both the honor and the pleasure of serving with Congressman RUNNELS on the Budget Committee. As one of the original members of that committee, he brought to it not only his experience and expertise, but a unique understanding of the needs and problems of a sound fiscal policy. I always was impressed by the Congressman's commitment to the resolution of conflict, rather than

the political grandstanding that too often consumes our time. This keen sense of purpose was demonstrated not only during his term on the Budget Committee, but in his involvement with the committees on the Interior and Insular Affairs and Armed Services as well.

Mr. Speaker, obviously, Congressman RUNNELS' presence and participation with this body made a lasting impression on us all. As a colleague, he offered us his experience, his leadership, his passion for honesty, and his commitment to service. As a human being, he offered us his courage, his strength, and his friendship. I was warmly touched by this man and I grieve his death.

I think that the greatest tribute that we can give to HAROLD RUNNELS is to pursue matters before this Congress with the devotion, dignity, and compassion of our friend, HAROLD RUNNELS. It is with this thought in mind that I join my colleagues in this tribute.

Mr. GINN. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened over the loss of our dear friend and colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS, for I truly believe that we have all been blessed to have had the opportunity to be associated with him. His long and unending battle to defeat the cancer which was taking over his body set a special example for those of us who remain, and his fearless acceptance of the inevitable, and willingness to discuss it and its meaning to him, freely, in this body, added a new dimension to the grave issues which we face in this country.

In addition to being a valuable legislator, to which we can all attest, he was a tremendous ambassador for his beloved State of New Mexico and his region of the country. He was an able spokesman for that area, and he brought to this Congress a substantive expertise on energy issues, gained from personal experience and industry, which will be impossible to replace.

Above all, though, he was courteous, gracious, generous, and dynamic—qualities which especially qualified him for the public service he so valiantly performed. His warm personality, his kind demeanor, and his courageous approach to life will be sorely missed by us all, his friends.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, on August 5, 1980, the House of Representatives lost a great man with the passing of my good friend and colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS. He was a warm and generous man who after making his mark in the business world offered himself to serve his State and Nation. His constitutents in New Mexico were indeed fortunate to have a man of HAROLD's caliber to look after

their interests in the Congress and he was dedicated to helping those with determination in seeking a better life. He served his Nation with dignity and honor.

I extend my deepest sympathy to HAROLD's family and he will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him.

Mr. DAVIS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is the saddest of times when we gather in this Chamber to talk of the death of a colleague. It is especially sad for me, for HAROLD RUNNELS was truly one of my closest, most beloved friends. We both first came to this House in the 92d Congress; now, by unhappy coincidence, history will record that we both took our leave of this House in the 96th Congress.

The time and words available to me can neither span his life, enumerate his human qualities, nor define the extent of his contributions to the Congress and the people of this Republic.

A self-made and successful man in every sense, HAROLD was untouched by arrogance and false pride. An open and outgoing man, HAROLD was always more concerned with the well-being of his friends than of himself, even after his life had been touched by the illness that now has claimed him. A devoted and diligent Member of Congress, he aspired only to providing true service to his country and his constituency, an ideal he attained with distinction. HAROLD RUNNELS' life will not be measured by the bounds of duty, for he exceeded those bounds in his service to God, to family, to country, and to friends. The story of his life rings with superlatives.

Perhaps were HAROLD less a personal friend to me, I could be more eloquent and speak at greater length. I can only tell you that the empty place in our midst is reflected in my heart and magnified in my grief.

Mr. ROBINSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in expressing personal sorrow and sense of loss on the death of our friend and colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS, of New Mexico.

HAROLD and I were elected to Congress in the same year, 1970. Both of us came to Congress with backgrounds that included military service in World War II, practical experience in the field of business, and prior service in our respective State legislatures. We were part of the same freshman class struggling to learn all the rules and procedures in the House of Representatives in the 92d Congress.

Even though we were affiliated with different political parties, HAROLD and I also shared many common views and patriotic con-

cerns bearing upon the future of our great country. We became friends and so did our wives.

So it was a shocking blow to learn of HAROLD's sudden passing on August 5. Mrs. Robinson and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to HAROLD's wife, Dottie, his children, and the other members of his family.

It is our hope that they will find comfort in the knowledge that HAROLD RUNNELS was so widely regarded as a true American patriot, and as a strong, dedicated man of principle. He was conscientious, hard-working, and thoughtful. He did his level best to serve well the people of New Mexico and of the United States. His good presence will be missed in the Halls of Congress.

Mr. EVANS of the Virgin Islands. Mr. Speaker, as a fellow member on the Armed Services Committee, I wish to express my personal statement of regret on the passing of Representative HAROLD RUNNELS.

The Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS has served in the House for more than 10 years, and is remembered for his constant attention to details and his unswerving attention to the legitimate concerns of his constituents.

Congressman RUNNELS has done his share in being of service to all our people and to the Nation.

Mr. JONES of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS' untimely death is a blow not only to his native State of New Mexico, but also to the House of Representatives as a whole.

HAROLD in many ways bridged the gap between new and old. First elected in 1970, he combined the best traits for the job he was elected to perform: Wisdom and enthusiasm.

HAROLD RUNNELS was always willing to help new Members trying to "learn the ropes" upon arriving in Congress. At the same time, he was willing to pitch in as a team player for the good of the whole. His background and experience in the energy industry gave him both the knowledge needed to craft reasonable public policy and the insight necessary to ask the right questions of both industry and government officials.

Our departed colleague was the sort of person who demanded all the information, and then voted accordingly. He could not be put in a category or stereotyped, because his vote was at the mercy of the facts, rather than in response to some unbending political doctrine.

He made a major contribution to strengthening our national defenses through his service on the Armed Services Committee.

Most importantly, he was the sort of person that people listened to. When the time came to execute legislative policy, HAROLD RUNNELS was an indispensable ingredient to success. He will be missed, because he cannot be replaced.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep personal sadness that my wife Albra and I received the news of the death of our late colleague, the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS. He was a good friend, and he certainly will be missed by all of us here in the House of Representatives where he was highly respected by his colleagues.

HAROLD RUNNELS served his country well and with distinction—in the military as well as in the State and Federal Governments.

I was privileged to serve with HAROLD on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs where we quickly recognized his practical expertise in oil and gas technology and his intense interest in energy development. He was always willing to share his knowledge, and his guidance provided the nonexperts with a better understanding of these important issues.

HAROLD was not a headline seeker—he was a rather quiet man, but energic and strong. He had a dry sense of humor which he often used to get a point across. When HAROLD spoke, we listened for we knew he had something worthwhile to say and we would be the beneficiaries of his thoughts.

While serving his constituents of the Second District of New Mexico faithfully and with diligence and dedication, he also served the citizens of the entire Nation. For his faith, trust, and loyalty, we are grateful.

My wife Albra and I extend our deepest sympathy to Dorothy and their daughter and sons. We share in the family's great loss and trust that this much deserved tribute today will be of some comfort to them.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, during the past recess of Congress, one of my close friends and colleagues, HAROLD RUNNELS, passed away, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to him.

The death of HAROLD is the loss of a great and dedicated colleague and a great personal loss to me. HAROLD was an effective, hardworking, Member of the Congress. He knew what made this country great, and was dedicated to preserving that greatness.

I enjoyed serving with HAROLD in the House of Representatives, and especially enjoyed serving with him on the House Armed Services Committee. I was very much impressed with his ability to understand the nature of the defense problems facing this country, and am very grateful to him for the knowledge he passed on to me to understand not only the development, but the strategy of our Nation's defense. HAROLD felt his job in the House was more than a responsibility to his district, it was a responsibility he carried for our country.

Mr. LUJAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank all of my colleagues who have joined with me in this special order, because HAROLD was truly one of the greatest guys that I have ever known, not only amongst those who have remained after work at this late hour to express their feelings on behalf of HAROLD, but I also have a great number of statements by some of our colleagues that for one reason or another were not able to be here.

One final thought: I thought as we were all talking about HAROLD, I thought back to the day when he found out that he had cancer, the very first time. He called me that morning and he said, "Come on up. Let's have a cup of coffee." I went on up, and frankly, we both cried a little bit because a piece of news like that is just really terrible. Then the bells rang, and we had to run to the floor, and of course HAROLD took his usual place and just went on, even though he knew that 2 or 3 days later he had to go up to New York and have his first terrible operation. You would not have known it, just the way he acted just showed a type of courage that not very many people in this world would have.

And so it was kind of a great thing to see and kind of a sad thing to see it at the same time. But it just went to show what kind of a guy he was.

I want to close by offering to Dorothy and Phillip and Michael and Matt and Eydie, our heartfelt condolences on my part and the part of my colleagues and on the part of my family.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, the passing of a dedicated and effective public servant is always a loss to the people he serves. In the case of HAROLD RUNNELS, who served the entire Nation with distinction, the loss is particularly deep to people from throughout the 50 States.

Inevitably, however, the loss is felt most deeply by those with whom he served.

HAROLD RUNNELS was a good friend, an able colleague, and a tireless worker.

The people of the Second District of New Mexico can be particularly proud to have shown the wisdom and judgment to send an individual to Congress who so persistently reflected the wisdom and judgment they demonstrated by his actions and votes in this body.

Through his careers in law enforcement, business, and 20 years of elective service, HAROLD RUNNELS never failed to live up to the highest and best traditions of America.

His valuable and patient counsel, his enviable record of service to his constituents and this House, his wisdom and forbearance, will all be deeply missed by his colleagues.

He was a good man and a good Congressman.

And he was a good friend.

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS was the type of colleague who makes one proud to be a Member of this national legislative body. He was highly intelligent, experienced, impeccably honest, and totally dedicated to the ideals which have witnessed the United States of America develop over the past two centuries into the greatest Nation the world has ever known. His articulation of the great problems and issues of the day reflected a deep concern for people tempered with the restraint of realism, an unswering conviction to the truth of the peace through strength concept, and a keen understanding of the need for meaningful reforms in the Federal Government—particularly regarding fiscal responsibility and regulation, HAROLD was particularly adept at understanding the finances of government. He had a unique and warm sense of humor that was able to laugh at himself but not be cutting to others. One of his more inspiring actions was the equanimity and strength with which he uncomplainedly accepted yet strived to survive his last illnesses. Each was devastating enough to overcome the spirit of any ordinary man, but HAROLD never lost his good humor and attitude of optimism. The fact that his district twice in a row did not place election opposition against him testifies to the deep regard of the people of his district. He was the first Congressman in the history of New Mexico to run unopposed. Let us all hope mightily that the people of New Mexico's Second District will do themselves, and the country, the great service of sending us a person approaching the unique excellence of HAROLD RUNNELS. It was my good fortune to come to know the gentleman quite well because of our adjoining districts and the resulting local-

ized problems we shared, and through our service together on the House Armed Services Committee. My deep sympathy goes to his family and to his friends and consituents.

Mr. ICHORD. Mr. Speaker, August 5 marked a dark day for the House of Representatives, the State of New Mexico, and for me personally. On that day, our colleague, HAROLD RUNNELS, passed away and left us to serve in the ultimate legislative body.

HAROLD RUNNELS spent 20 years in the service of the citizens of the great State of New Mexico; the past 10 serving the residents of the Second District in this body.

A man of modest beginnings, HAROLD exemplified what is grand and glorious about this great Nation. The land of opportunity was not wasted on HAROLD RUNNELS. He availed himself of each and every opportunity and through hard work, rose in stature as a highly successful businessman—a product of the free enterprise system.

HAROLD likewise succeeded in public service while constantly representing the fundamental concepts of individual freedom, economic strength, and military preparedness. He was unopposed for reelection in November—a true testament to how well he represented his consituents both individually and collectively.

Despite a level of success in multiple areas, which few of us can hope to achieve in our lifetime, HAROLD RUNNELS never lost touch with the common person. He retained a sense of humility and could extract a fleeting moment of humor from almost any crisis. He served his country well.

In this profession, we meet thousands upon thousands of people from all walks of life. These, we tend to categorize as consituents, associates, colleagues, and so forth. In HAROLD's case, I can only categorize him as a friend who helped me when I needed it and was always ready to assist me as a friend. I will treasure that friendship always and will always be thankful that I had the opportunity of knowing HAROLD RUNNELS and sharing a part of his all too short life alongside of him in this body.

I shall always, Mr. Speaker, remember HAROLD as a friend who possessed more of that fading intangible attribute which we often characterize as "commonsense" than any person I have ever known. Everyone who came in contact with HAROLD loved him. His family, his business associates, his colleagues, his employees, his constituents, and innumerable acquaintances who happened to need help while HAROLD was just passing by. He had time to help the lowly as well as

the mighty. I know there are scores of little people around the Capitol who were beneficiaries of his assistance and generosity. His funeral which I attended in New Mexico was one of the most beautiful outpourings of public affection for a departed human being I have ever witnessed. They remember the help that "MUD" gave them.

I too am indebted to him and with love and respect for his memory and in appreciation for the help he has given me I stand ready to extend a helping hand to his wife Dorothy and their children Michael, Phillip, Matthew, and Eydie. My heartfelt condolences are also extended.

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, words can hardly express my feelings for a man I served with here in the House of Representatives who is no longer with us. He was a fine man, a dear friend, and a trusted colleague—I speak of HAROLD RUNNELS of New Mexico.

HAROLD was here in the House for only 10 years, but during those years his hard work and dedication were noted by all those who knew him. His constituency, the Second Congressional District of New Mexico, liked him so much they sent him back here to Washington unopposed in the 1978 election, and were planning to do the same this November—a first for the State of New Mexico.

I never served on the same committees with HAROLD, but I am well aware, as are you my colleagues, that he was active in his congressional responsibilities and his civic duties. HAROLD, as we know, had a bout with his health, but he never let it interfere with his sincere interest in attaining the goal of energy self-sufficiency for this Nation.

Both my wife, Lee, and I were saddened to hear of HAROLD's passing, and know the people of his district, his colleagues, and his family shall miss HAROLD RUNNELS tremendously. To his wife, Dorothy, and his four children, we offer our sincerest condolences.

Mr. DANIELSON. Mr. Speaker, one of the sad things about serving in the House of Representatives is the fact that during each Congress a few of our close colleagues pass away. I recall that following one such passing a few years ago, while Carl Albert was Speaker of the House, Speaker Albert mentioned that he had done some research and had found that, on the average, four Members of the House of Representatives come to the end of their days during each Congress. I know that we all realize that this does happen and will con-

tinue to happen, but, nevertheless, there is a pronounced feeling of sorrow and of emptiness when one of our colleagues is gone.

HAROLD RUNNELS and I came into the Congress at the same time, having been elected to the 92d Congress in 1970 and taking office in January of 1971. We had more than that in common since each of us had served in the State senate of our respective States prior to coming to the Congress. Both of us also, long ago, were employees of the FBI. I clearly recall sitting with him while we attended the briefing sessions at the beginning of the 92d Congress and discussing our hopes for committee assignments and speculating on how best to achieve those hopes.

Over the years, we continued to be friends and often visited in the back of the Chamber during debates and pending rollcalls, and I was proud to count him as one of my good friends.

HAROLD RUNNELS' legislative record very ably speaks for itself and I wish only to add that I enjoyed knowing him, that I found him to be a good and loyal friend and a fine Congressman, and that, as with all of our friends, I will miss him. I extend my sympathy to his wife, Dorothy, and to his children.

Mr. CHAPPELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of an exemplary Member of this House, HAROLD RUNNELS, who so ably represented the Second District of New Mexico that he became the first person to be elected without opposition since New Mexico's statehood. His long struggle with cancer and his tragic passing last month has deprived the Congress—and the Nation—of an outstanding public servant. For those of us who were privileged to serve in the House with HAROLD over the years, his presence will be sorely missed.

First elected to Congress in 1970, HAROLD's fairness, commonsense, and keen knowledge were evident to all who worked with him. His level-headedness in dealing with energy and fuel problems will serve this Nation to good advantage for many years. His sound judgment and expertise in such matters have been most valuable in coping with our national energy problems.

A member of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, HAROLD's energy expertise was a tremendous asset to that committee during their investigations on the operation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and the distribution of Alaska oil from Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope. He also chaired hearings on the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System which, I am sure,

will provide the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with a sound basis on which to further direct this Nation's goals of energy self-sufficiency.

Not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, HAROLD RUNNELS became very successful in business through hard work and perseverance. He got into the oil mud business "by nickels and dimes." His company, Runnels Mud Co., was started on risk capital and a dream that succeeded. He subsequently entered politics, first at the State level where he served 10 years in the New Mexico House of Representatives and then on to Congress.

His goodness of heart was well expressed in a newspaper article when he told the reporter, "The good Lord and this country have been so good to me I can hardly stand it."

All of us will miss our dear friend and colleague. Heaven's gain would be our eternal loss except that his great spirit will live on and encourage us along the way. Our country has lost a great statesman.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, it was a sad day when I learned of the untimely passing of my friend and colleague from New Mexico, HAROLD RUNNELS.

His unfortunate demise is a great loss not only to Congress, but to the people of New Mexico and the Nation as well.

HAROLD was decent, honest, straight-forward, and hardworking—the kind of Congressman that makes each of us proud—and a valued friend during our 10-year association. I admired his character and abilities and know I speak for the House in saying that this admiration and respect was shared by us all.

To his family and many friends I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my sadness at the death of my dear friend, our colleague HAROLD RUNNELS. "MUD" RUNNELS and I served together on the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee for several years, I came to know him well and will miss his wisdom, good humor, and hard work.

HAROLD RUNNELS served New Mexico well in his decade in Congress. In fact, he was so well regarded that his constituents elected him without opposition in 1978 and would have done so again this year. His successful business career in the oil industry provided him with a deep knowledge of economic matters important to his district and to the Nation.

HAROLD RUNNELS will be especially missed not only by his lovely wife, Dorothy, and their children, but also by his colleagues in Congress, on the Interior Committee, and by the citizens of New Mexico's Second Congressional District.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS was a great man. In addition to that, he was a kind and generous friend. He possessed a good sense of humor, along with his deep belief in principles that he believed were necessary for the strength of our country. He was a man of courage, and we will all miss him deeply.

HAROLD vigorously and effectively represented his State here in the Congress. He was a fine man, and he put his country first.

Martha and I are grateful that HAROLD and Dorothy were friends of the Gibbons family. HAROLD was most helpful in obtaining medical treatment for a member of our family. We will miss him. We extend our condolences and love to all of his family.

Mr. LENT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of great loss that I join with my colleagues in honoring the memory of our good friend and most able legislator, the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS. His premature passing has deprived our Nation of the services of an outstanding lawmaker.

HAROLD RUNNELS and I came to this House for the first time with the 92d Congress in January of 1971. From the very beginning of his service in the U.S. House of Representatives, it was clear that HAROLD RUNNELS was abundantly endowed with those unique qualities of character, intelligence, and ability which are the mark of an outstanding public servant.

In the ensuing decade, HAROLD RUNNELS established an enviable record of legislative achievement and service to his constituents; a record which won him the admiration and respect of his colleagues.

His record was so impressive, and his constituents so appreciated his capabilities that 2 years ago, HAROLD RUNNELS won reelection without opposition—the first time since New Mexico became a State that a candidate had been so elected. And he faced no opposition in the November election this year. This is eloquent testimony, indeed, to HAROLD RUNNELS' dedicated public service.

In his positions on the Armed Services and Interior Committees, HAROLD RUNNELS persistently pursued the course which he felt would most benefit our great Nation. As chairman of the Interior Subcommittee on Oversight and Special Investigations, his direction of

the subcommittee's activities was always pointed toward the goal of improvement in the administration of our public laws.

It is tragic that HAROLD RUNNELS' brillant legislative career would be brought to an abrupt end by a fatal illness.

The loss of this dedicated public servant is a severe one for his constituents of the Second Congressional District of New Mexico, for the U.S. Congress, and for the Nation. But it is a particularly severe loss for his colleagues in the House who knew and valued him as a friend.

Mrs. Lent and I offer our deepest sympathy to HAROLD's lovely wife and to their four children.

Mr. CARR. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in honoring HAROLD RUNNELS, whose civility, warmth, and sense of humor never failed him despite the physical illnesses that plagued him almost all his life. Even as disease took away his own strength, HAROLD RUNNELS strengthened others by his example, his courage, his indomitable personality. Few of us will ever have to face the suffering HAROLD RUNNELS endured—and conquered. None of us will forget the inspiration he provided for us every day of his life.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned of the death of our friend and colleague HAROLD RUNNELS—statesman, patriot, and more importantly a good person. His presence will be deeply missed by many.

As a Member of this body, HAROLD RUNNELS earned our respect and friendship for his tireless efforts in support of those things he believed in, primarily the greatness of our United States. His efforts toward developing sound defense and energy policies were invaluable.

Although HAROLD RUNNELS was a capable and hard worker, we will best remember him as a friend, for he was always there to help and brighten our spirits when we needed it. HAROLD used his great wit as a means of helping us accomplish our work; always there with a joke to lighten the pressure.

There is little doubt that HAROLD RUNNELS will be sorely missed by the constituents of the Second District of New Mexico, and by many others in the Southwest. HAROLD cared and did his best to represent them all.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with and know this great individual. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife and family for their great loss.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply bereaved at the passing of our colleague and friend, Representative HAROLD RUNNELS. He will be sorely missed in the House of Representatives.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, Representative RUNNELS was a fighter. His work on the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Interior Committee mandated that he make tough decisions and that he stand by them. He was closely involved in energy policymaking at a time when energy was targeted as a top priority in this country. While at times he took positions which were controversial. HAROLD RUNNELS did not back off. He worked steadily and courageouly to defend the positions he felt would better the conditions of all Americans.

His Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations carried on in-depth and thorough investigations of complicated matters. He examined the operation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and the distribution of Alaska oil from Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope.

He also was an active member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS was able to understand the problems of a wide variety of people. He worked in a number of professions during his career and moved up the ladder from clerk-typist, to movie theater operator, to oilman, to politician. His abhorrence of excessive paperwork and his rapport with people made him personable and responsive. Whatever he did, he did well.

Mr. Speaker, I will personally miss HAROLD RUNNELS, and I would like to join my colleagues in the House in extending my sincere condolences to his wife, Dorothy, and his four children.

Mr. LONG of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I was indeed saddened to learn of the loss of one of the House of Representatives most dedicated Members, HAROLD RUNNELS of New Mexico. "MUD" RUNNELS gained both his nickname and his education in the petroleum industry. Drilling fluid, more commonly referred to as simply mud, was HAROLD's business. He brought this firsthand knowledge of the problems of oil exploration to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, where he chaired the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

HAROLD's diligent oversight of the operation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline will continue to serve as a model for all committees. As a Member from an energy-producing region, I have been especially

aware of HAROLD's tireless efforts to educate the Congress and the public of the need for a balanced and responsible energy policy. The residents of the Second District of New Mexico, the Members of the House of Representatives, and all those who share a concern for our energy future have lost an able and dedicated champion in HAROLD RUNNELS.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, HAROLD RUNNELS reminded me of the gentleman from Oklahoma, Will Rogers.

He had the appearance of honesty, the manner of courtesy, the position of trust, and the respect of each Member of the House of Representatives—on both sides of the aisle.

As I heard HAROLD RUNNELS speak on many issues, I knew why his beloved State of New Mexico honored him twice as the only Congressman to ever seek reelection without opposition.

HAROLD RUNNELS will be missed—not only because of our friendship—but because he symbolized the rugged frontiersman who maintained an abiding love and respect for this country and his fellow man.

I think both men would be pleased that HAROLD RUNNELS reminded me of Will Rogers.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, one of the people in the House it was always a pleasure to talk with, about Congress or anything else, was HAROLD RUNNELS. He was a proverbial "nice guy," as the expression goes, and we need more of them, not fewer, in our midst.

But aside from that, Congressman RUNNELS was a well-informed man, informed about the issues that concerned his State and the Nation, and an active mover with legislation directly reflecting his constituents' needs.

In addition to that, he was a farmer, and I really think that farming was what he liked more than anything else. We used to talk about agriculture often, especially livestock, and once we traded some bulls. I can attest to the quality of his livestock, and I think—if I know how farming people value opinions—that HAROLD would appreciate knowing I chose to say, on the floor, that he was a quality person, and a quality farmer.

He had served five terms when he died at the relatively early age of 56, and we are going to think of him often here, and we are going to miss him very much.

Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *August 6, 1980.*

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise to join with my colleague, Senator Schmitt, in paying tribute to one of New Mexico's very distinguished public servants who died yesterday, Representative HAROLD RUNNELS.

I rise to inform the Senate that my good friend, Representative HAROLD RUNNELS from the Second Congressional District of New Mexico, has died.

Congressman RUNNELS passed away early on Tuesday, August 5, after a long and courageous battle. To his wife, Dorothy, and his family, I send the most heart-felt condolences from my wife, Nancy, my family, and I, and, I believe, from all the people of our State.

HAROLD RUNNELS was a man who never forgot his roots. He successfully ignored the fads and fancies of too much American life and embodied the kinds of virtues that formed this nation and made it great, commonsense, courage, hard work, and ability to laugh at himself and at the world, and generosity. He represented as truly as anyone could the kinds of people who live in his district in our State, people who work the land for food, fiber, minerals, and energy for this country and who are not ashamed to admit that they believe in God, their family, and their country.

HAROLD RUNNELS served in the U.S. Congress as a Representative from New Mexico, starting in 1971, having been elected November 3, 1970, and served in each succeeding Congress. He was so popular in his district that he became the first Federal office-holder in our State's history to run without opposition in either the primary or general elections in 1978, and easily defeated token opposition in his primary year. He had no general election opponent, so well did he represent the feelings and aspirations of the Second Congressional District of the State of New Mexico.

HAROLD RUNNELS made it the hard way. He was born in Dallas, Tex., and after attending Cameron State Agricultural College in

Lawton, Okla., enlisted in the Air Force Reserve during World War II. He then joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he further served his country.

Like so many pioneers in our history, HAROLD RUNNELS decided to try for the best life he could get for his family. He took a small company that provided mud for drilling activities in the oil fields and built it into an empire. He formed the Runnels Mud Co. and RunCo Acidizing and Fracturing Co. in southeastern New Mexico and was one of the founders of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. He was a member of the American Petroleum Institute and brought his special expertise in this field to Congress, where all too often Congress ignored his advice and embarked on energy courses that proved, as Congressman RUNNELS had predicted, to be flawed and counterproductive.

As a member of the New Mexico State Senate, Congressman RUNNELS gained a reputation for honesty and straightforwardness that soon made him a powerful force. It was on this base that he launched what many thought a hopeless campaign for Congress in 1969. True to his form, HAROLD proved the so-called experts wrong and defeated the incumbent Congressman to begin his decade-long career here in the House of Representatives.

In Congress, Representative RUNNELS continued the same way of doing business that always characterized him—he would look you in the eye and tell you what he thought. He worked hard to protect the interests of his district, his State, and the country. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, HAROLD stood for a strong national defense, second to none in the world, and a commonsense approach to the Nation's natural resources that would balance our energy and mineral needs with the demands of water, land, and the environment.

Congressman RUNNELS represented one of the most diverse districts in the Nation. He had growing metropolitan areas, very large numbers of Indians from a variety of tribes and nations, a substantial proportion of Hispanic-Americans, farmers, ranchers, oil and natural gas workers, and some of the most beautiful landscape in the world. That he was able to represent so well such a diversity is a great tribute to him.

I worked with HAROLD RUNNELS on many projects, some of them among the most complex, far-reaching problems facing the Congress. He was very active in attempting to handle the controversial waste isolation pilot project in a logical and reasonable manner. He worked

hard on a variety of projects to help the Indian people of our State. He was active in water legislation, in national defense measures, and in a whole host of energy measures. In all of these, he distinguished himself by his diligence, his intelligence and his tenacity.

But, I remember HAROLD RUNNELS not just as a legislator, but as a friend. He was generous, kind, and looked the disease which eventually led to his death in the eye with courage and unfailing good spirits. He was an inspiration to us all. He will never be replaced either in our hearts nor in the hearts of the people of our State.

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, the distinguished Senator's remarks I am sure will be much appreciated by Mr. RUNNELS' family.

I would ask him if he recalls those times when he and I and HAROLD RUNNELS and our other distinguished Congressman from New Mexico, Manuel Lujan, had appeared together in platforms and found that the interaction of the four of us formed some of the most delightful and rewarding periods that I can remember. I have not been in politics that long. One can always think that the catalyst of the group very often was HAROLD RUNNELS, not only in bringing points clearly into focus but also in providing that unique brand of humor that he could provide on those occasions.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I certainly do remember. In fact, I will never forget it.

I do not think, I say to my good friend, if I serve public for the rest of my life, I do not think we are going to find an opportunity to have this kind of man with us as political figures.

I have a tendency, as you know, Senator, to be too serious. He was tremendous for me because I used to give these very tough, serious speeches, and he would constantly remind us that the Senate talked too much and that we needed a 3-minute rule, that the House rule was very good because anybody who could not say what he needed to say in 3 minutes did not know what he had to say. He used such expressions as that.

I think the Senator's point is truly well taken. He will be missed for his approach which was, indeed, serious. But he never took himself seriously, and he let everybody know that. He was not ashamed to laugh at himself and to poke good fun at others. He had a great wit. Sometimes that deceived people. I am sure in Washington when he first came here people used to maybe take that for some kind of a shortcoming in terms of ability, intelligence, and commonsense.

But you and I and others know that was not the case, but quite to the contrary.

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, as one of his constituents in the second district, I know that his constituents did not worry about that. They knew exactly who HAROLD RUNNELS was and what he was doing in Congress.

He also was taking very seriously his desire to become Governor of the State of New Mexico.

In the last year or so that desire became even clearer and may be accented by the struggle he was having with cancer and with the side effects of that dread disease.

Unfortunately, New Mexico will never have a chance to find out if HAROLD RUNNELS was to be their Governor. Certainly you and I good naturedly told him we would do everything we could to see that he was not Governor. But that was part of the political rhetoric and part of the political scene of our great State.

Nevertheless, he wanted to be Governor—I truly believe that. It is probably a disappointment to a large number of New Mexicans, if not a majority, that he never had the opportunity to serve in that capacity.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I think that is right. I also think it means something else. You know, here is this man who literally started his life in a chicken coop. He was born in a chicken coop. He was eminently successful in business, served the State as a State senator with distinction, and came from that part of the State that some people in other parts of the State did not appreciate and kind of looked at with concern, and yet while he served in that position he served with broad acclaim in the State.

Then he came up here for 10 years and did not need more success. But what is his ultimate goal? To return to the State. What he wanted to do was to go back to New Mexico. He felt he owed the State more than he could ever give, I am sure. So his goal was to go back and wrap up a political career by being Governor. I do not have any doubts that he would have made it.

I think it would have been a real experience for New Mexicans to have had someone of his forthrightness, his singlemindedness, as Governor. He always had a purpose.

I think our State is on the brink of some real greatness in terms of its potential. It is beginning to come into fruition, great energy re-

sources, natural resources, natural beauty, environmental beauty, and it would have been an exciting thing to see what a fellow whom you and I know to be so well-balanced and with such great commonsense would have done with that.

I want to close here today by saying we know his family at the moment is extremely sad. We both have extended our sympathies to them. I think the life he led, the successes, political and otherwise, and yet his humility, will serve them well through these times. The sadness will give way to memories of a tremendous husband and great father as far as his family is concerned.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I would like to join with my two colleagues from New Mexico in saying a word of tribute to our good friend, Congressman HAROLD RUNNELS.

I think we are all shocked anytime a bright young person departs from our world prematurely.

I found the Congressman a very interesting, capable young man to work with without regard to partisanship. He was a close friend of our Congressman from Alaska. He worked unceasingly as a member of the House Interior Committee on issues that protected the Nation, in general, but particularly on issues that pertained to the West.

He was a great friend of Alaska and of Alaskans, and we shall miss his advice, his assistance, and his guidance in dealing particularly with the public lands problems that affect the West as a whole and Alaska so specifically.

I would not want the time to go by without extending on behalf of all Alaskans our gratitude in the form of a message of condolence to his family and his survivors.

It is really a sad thing to see a man so young and in the prime of his life depart so quickly.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk, on behalf of myself and Senator Schmitt, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution relative to the death of Representative HAROLD RUNNELS, of New Mexico.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from New Mexico?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to, as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 505

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable HAROLD RUNNELS, late a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

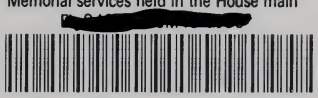
Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I move, in accordance with the order previously entered, and as a mark of further respect to the memory of the late departed Representative HAROLD RUNNELS, of New Mexico, that the Senate stand in recess until the hour of 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate, at 5:46 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, August 20, 1980, at 11 a.m.

Memorial services held in the House main



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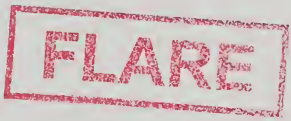

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